cannot sue the oil companies for adulterated fuels. Unless this is done checks and balance in the system will not work effectively to prevent malpractices at any level. The best way that consumer pressure can be intensified on the oil companies is to develop a system of public rating of the retail outlets by the name of the oil companies on a monthly basis based on an independent inspection, testing and audit of the outlet.

In a competitive market there are multiple oil companies rivaling for market share. This will become more severe with decontrol of the petroleum sector soon. In such a situation protection of brand name would be most critical for the oil companies to guard their market share. Therefore, quality based public rating of the retail outlets by the name of companies would work best in disciplining the supply chain and preventing the widespread malady.

Improve testing procedures and tighten fuel quality standards

Immediate attention should be paid to tightening the fuel quality standards and regulating some key parameters that are not done today like aromatics, olefins in petrol, and PAH in diesel. Even the broad range that is allowed under the current specifications should be adequately tightened. Tighter the net easier it is to catch dubious samples.

Develop alternative testing procedures for more accurate detection

For more accurate detection alternative testing methods and protocols should be adopted straight away and applied for surveillance."

Exodus of employees from oil companies

†1193. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of employees are leaving public sector oil companies;

(b) the number of senior and junior officers of management level who have left an important public sector unit 'Indian Oil Corporation' during last three years, category-wise alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian Oil Corporation neither has any career development plan nor transport promotional policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No, Sir. While, as is normal in any organization, some employees of public sector oil companies have left service by tendering resignation for personal reasons/better career prospects elsewhere, number of such employees is quite small compared to total strength of employees of the public sector oil companies.

(b) and (c) In so far as Indian Oil Corporation is concerned, the number of officers in the Junior, Middle and Senior Management cadres who have left during the last three completed financial years are 260,56 and 13 respectively. Indian Oil Corporation has well defined career development plan as well as a transparent promotion policy for all categories of employees and officers.

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